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REMARKS

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1. On 15 March 1954, the new building in line with buildings Nos 3 and 4 of the construction project southwest of Strausberg was almost completed. Construction activities were being accelerated. A building of the same type as building No 11 was under construction just north of quartering building No 7. All other buildings of the project were completed and habitable. No changes were noted with the KVP guard unit stationed at the site. Soldiers of the unit, who wore red collar patches, said that they came either from Halle or from Adlershof. <sup>1</sup>
2. Additional construction workers were scheduled to be hired for the project south of Strausberg. In early March 1954, construction work on the athletic field was interrupted. Work on the construction of concrete roads was started instead. Excavation work for building No 25 and the remainder of the garages was rushed. Building No 25 was to be completed on schedule by 24 March 1954. Buildings Nos 1 through 5 and 8 through 13, 15, 37, and 38 were completed. Installation work was still done in buildings Nos 6, 7, 14, 18, 19, 24, 27, 28, and 29.
3. On 15 March, 100 men were newly assigned to the KVP unit quartered in buildings Nos 3 and 8 of the installation. The soldiers quartered in these buildings thereupon totalled about 140 men. The troops wore red-bordered black collar patches. At about the same time, another 100 KVPs moved to the "Jugendwerkhof", a former house of correction, which was then occupied by a total of about 200 men. The sentry there wore red-bordered black collar patches. <sup>2</sup>

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1.  Comment. The towns from which the soldiers allegedly came indicate that the detail was rather an SSD guard unit than an element of the KVP guard regiment. SFS guard troops, however, wear light-red service color.

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2.  Comment. It is still undetermined from where these units came. The colors of collar patches and pipings indicate that the troops were artillery men.

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